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Attorney Docket No. AM100226

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
PICKAR, J., Dey M.)	Group Art Unit: 1617
Application No.: 09/808,878)	Examiner: Shengjun WANG
Filed: March 15, 2001)	Attention: William Dixon
For: HORMONE REPLACEMENT)	Special Program Examiner
THERAPY)	Confirmation No.: 5270

Attention: Mail Stop Appeal Brief-Patents
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE REPLY BRIEF TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(b), Appellants request an extension of two weeks to file a Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer dated February 24, 2006. Appellants retained new counsel last week to handle this appeal. That counsel requires additional time to review the record and decide whether to file a Reply Brief.

This Request for Extension of Time was discussed in a telephone conference involving Charles Van Horn of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP, and William Dixon, Special Program Examiner of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g), Appellants authorize the Office to charge the \$200.00 fee for this petition of time to our deposit account no. 01-1425.

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Respectfully submitted,

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